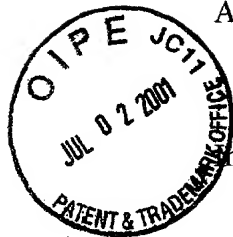


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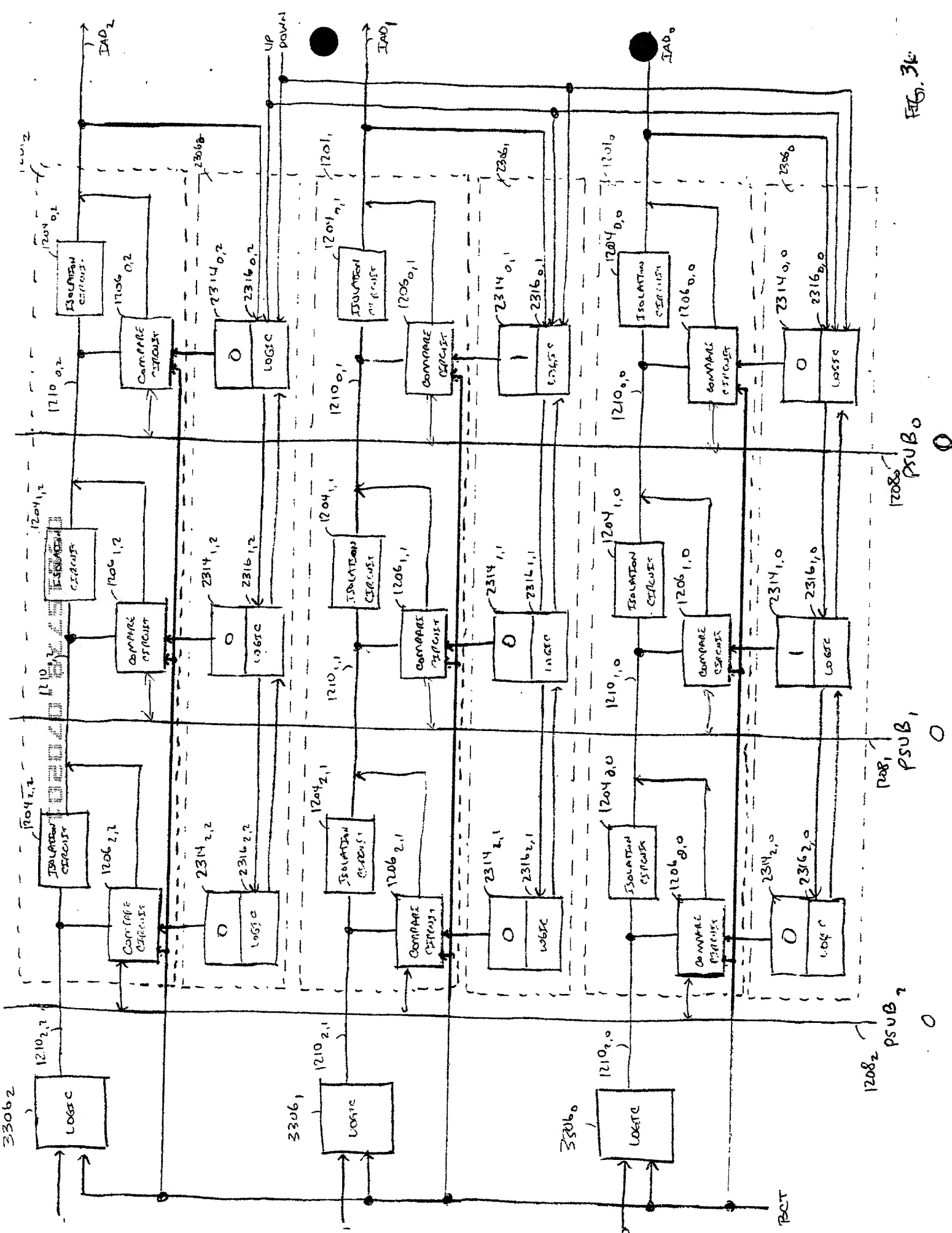
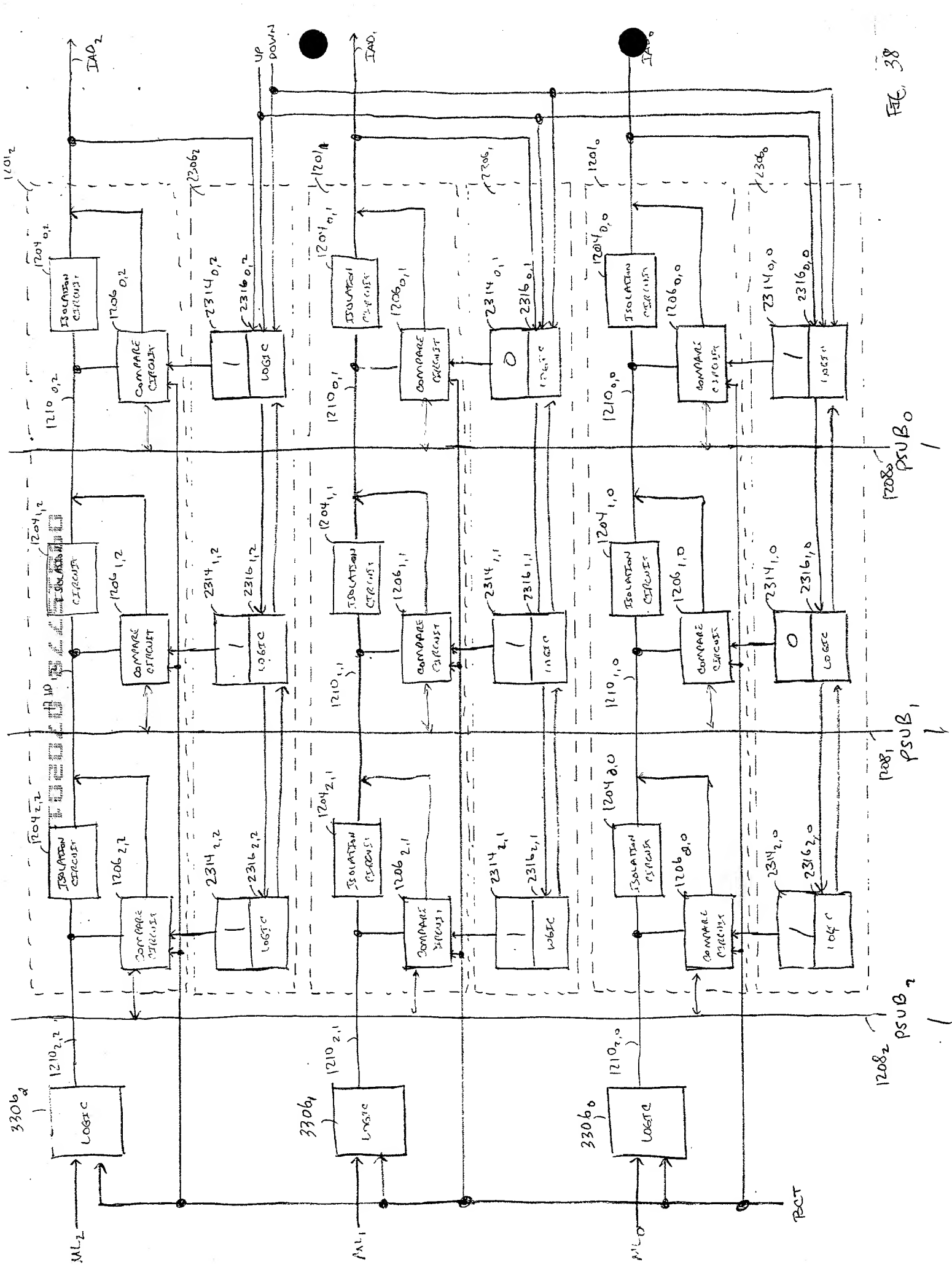


FIG. 3E



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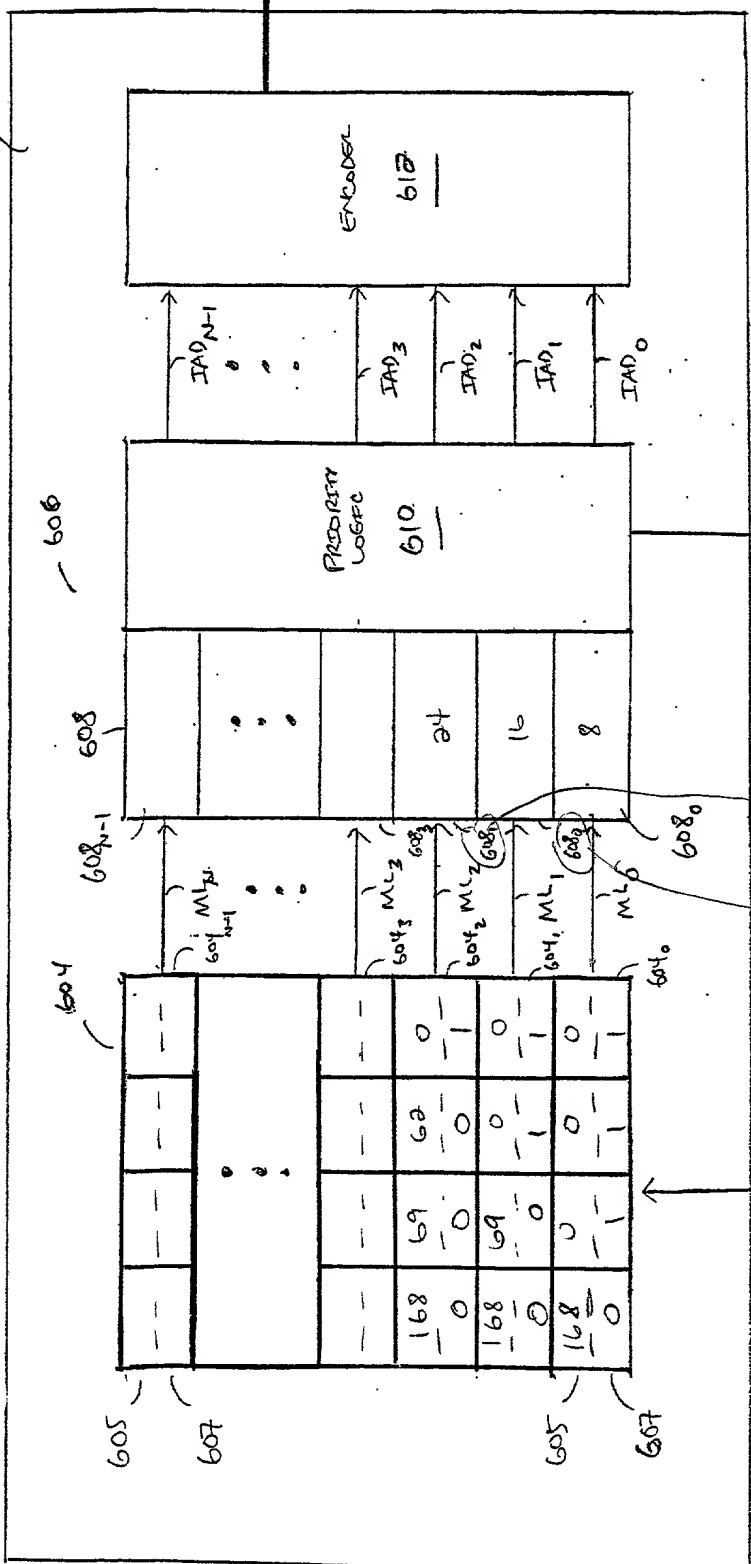


FIG. 42

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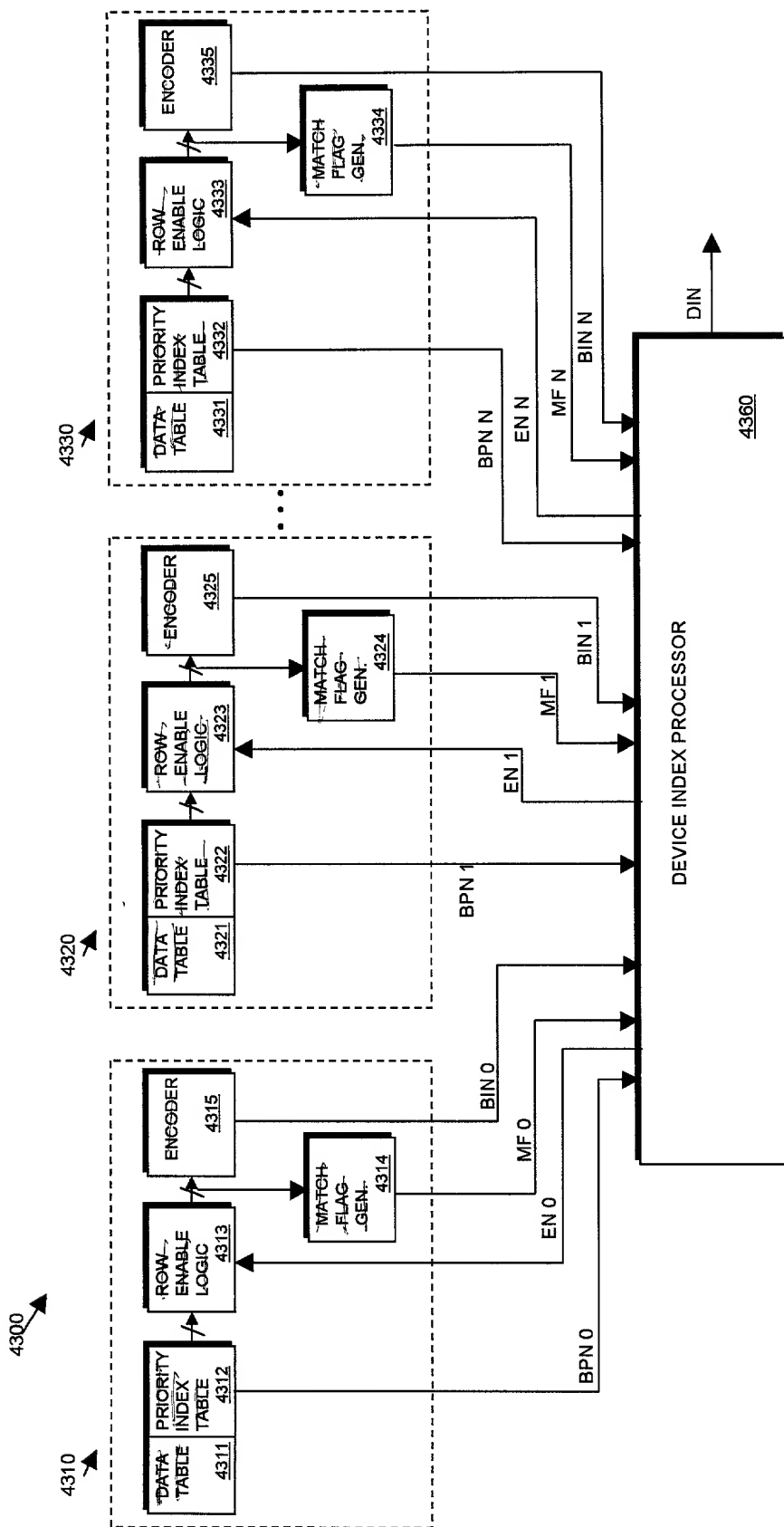


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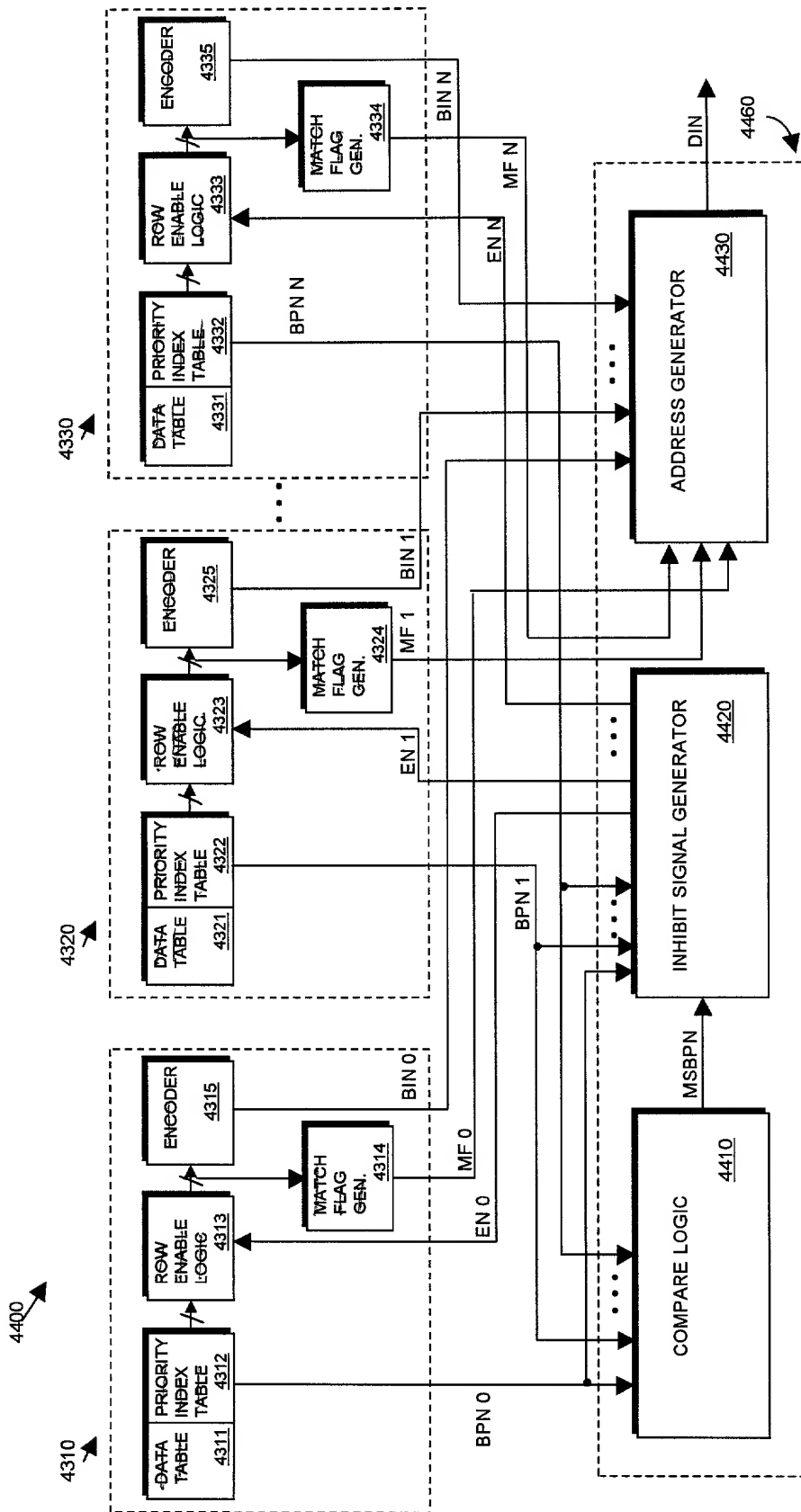


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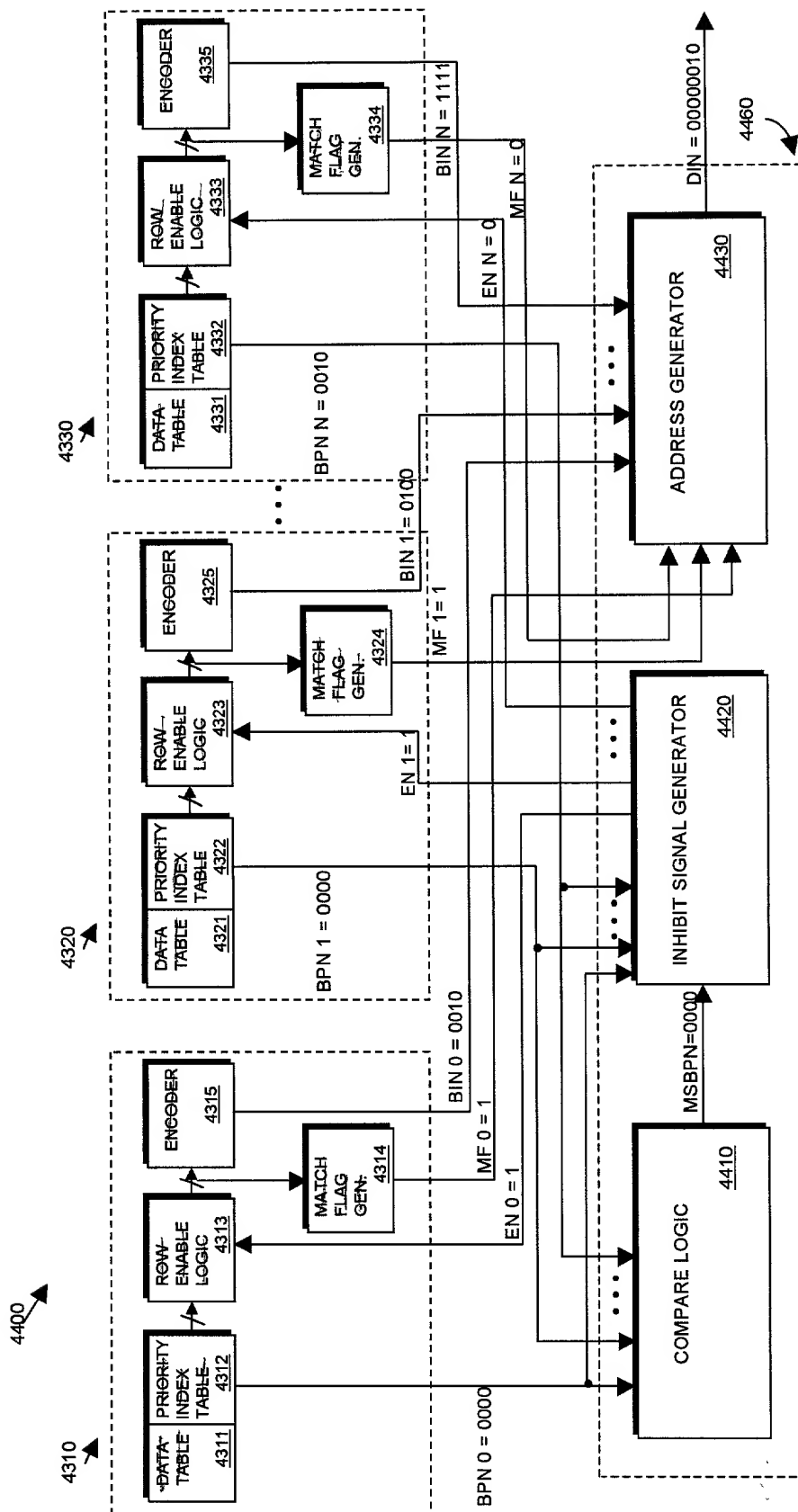


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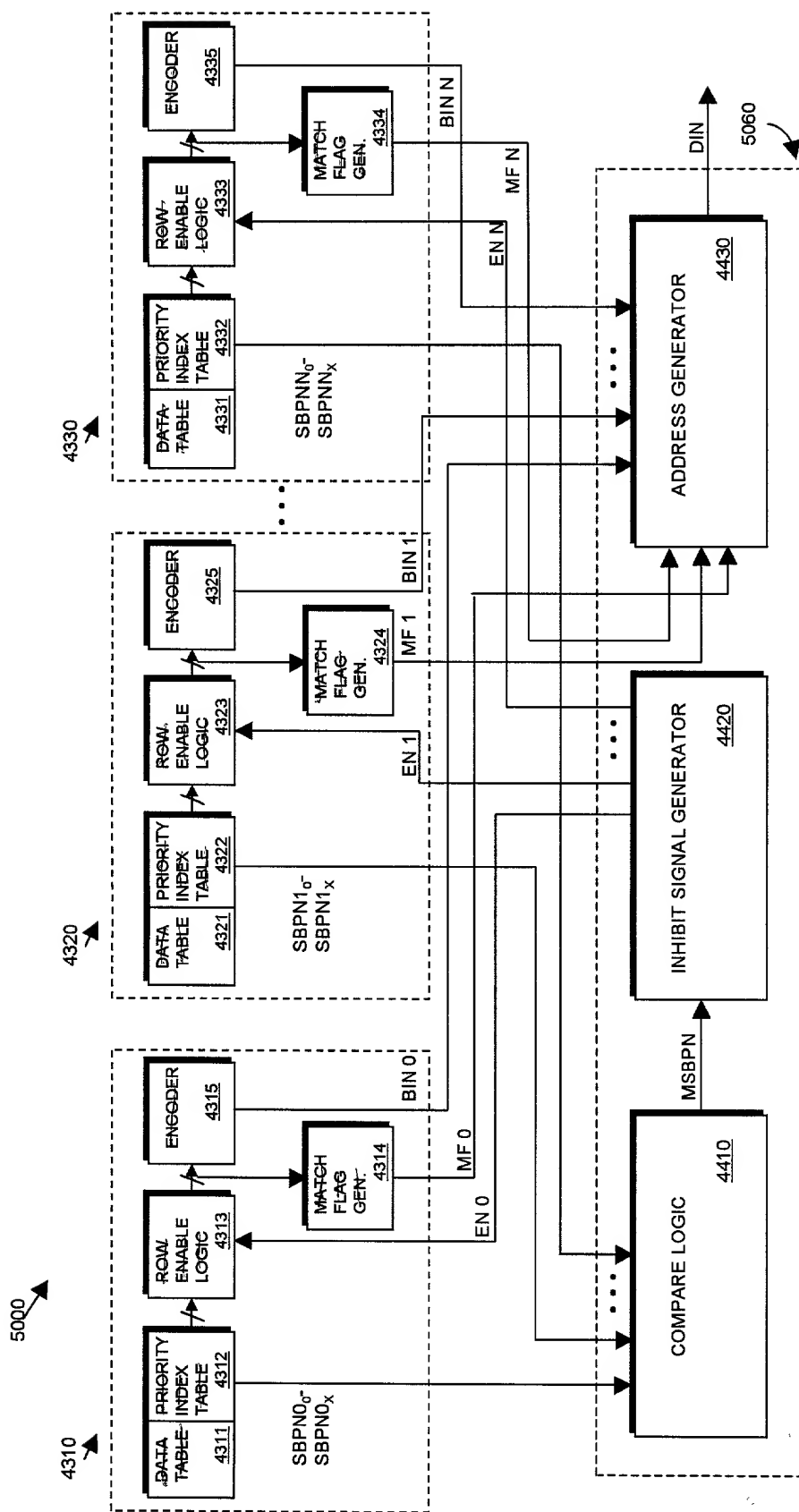


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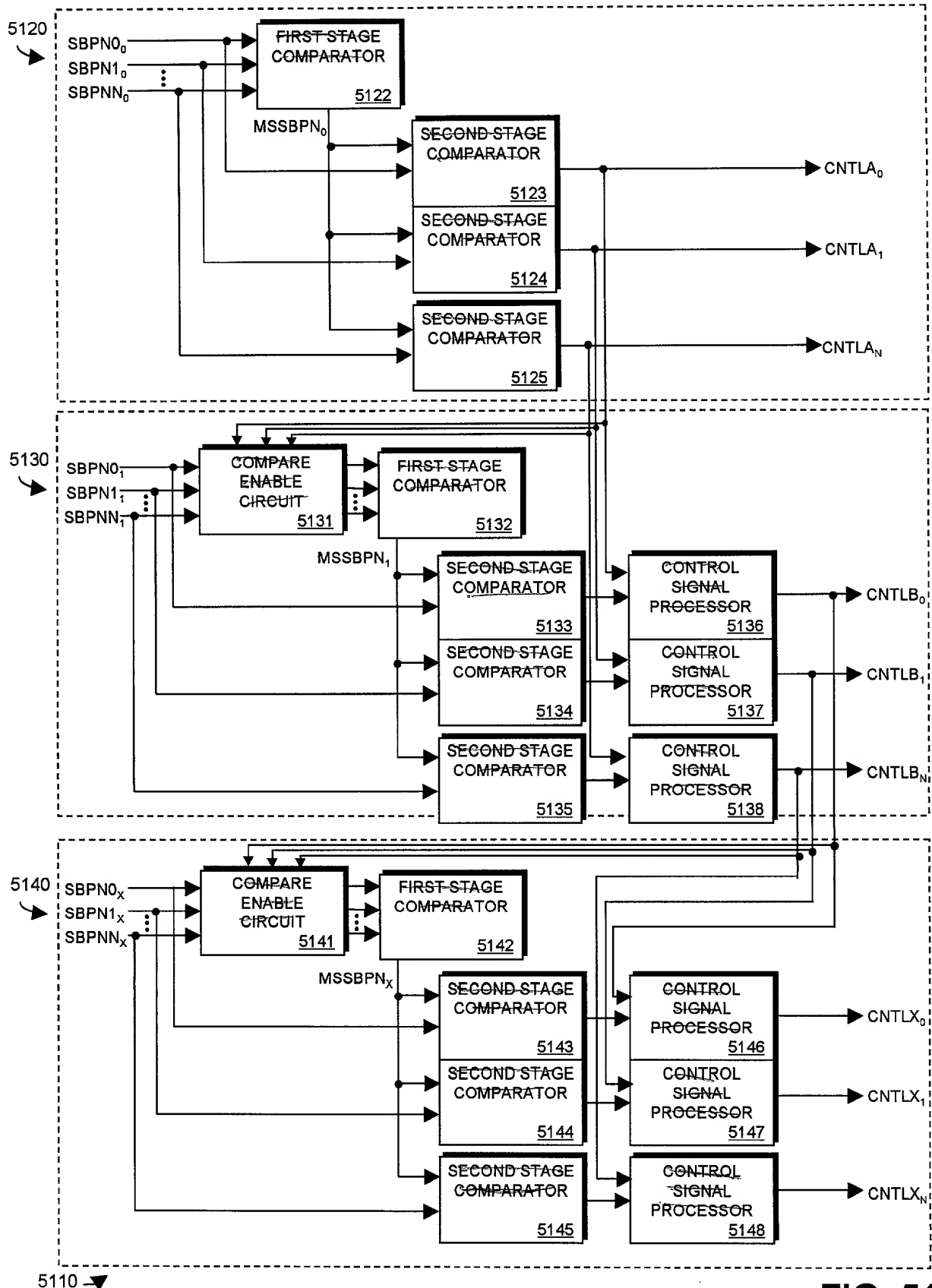


FIG. 51